

NHSLHA

March 7, 2011

Present: Roxanne, Robyn, Laura, Erin, June, Vicki, Kelly

I. Taxes: needed to be sorted out from last year. Robyn thought the accountant (Ed Perry) was all set with what he needed. However, Robyn called a few weeks ago and Ed told her that last week's taxes were never filed. They "were not complete last year" and he needed info. from us that he never got. Robyn took care of what needed to be handed over based on what Amy had provided her with. He has told Robyn what is unclear and she and Amy are trying to fill in the gaps. Last year's stuff was done on a PC but Amy uses a Mac and Excell. Amy will send the info. to Robyn to be relayed to the accountant. Our accountant charged us \$415 the last time we were billed. We discussed whether to stay with this accountant or not. Natalie, Erin's sister-in-law and NHSLHA's previous admin. assistant, might be a possible person/ Laura emailed her as we spoke. June has a person to recommend if Natalie can't or isn't able to take this on.  
Are we a non-profit? Are we a 501 C? There was no consensus on this. Our tax papers indicate that we are a 501 C. Robyn will ask Amy to contact Ed Perry to get clarity on this.

II. Robyn shared about emails she's received. Kathleen Sebelius, US Secretary of Health & Human Services, asked that NHSLHA send letters to the state Medicaid Program. Her suggestions state that speech pathology has received little \$ and the benefits of the work is great. There is a sample letter that we could send to Gov. Lynch. We thought this would be a good idea. June will follow this up and put it on our letterhead and send it out.

There have been numerous emails about athletic training – folks wanted our support to vote "no" (via contact with our state reps) on a bill about repealing licensure for different health care providers. March 2<sup>nd</sup> was the last one we got about this. The bill got a vote of 15 to 0.

From ASHA: tips for distributing personal media info., etc. Robyn will forward this one to the Board.

Re: cost of the state license question from a woman who emailed Erin. Robyn emailed this woman to explain the "true cost".

There is an email from the State of NH, Dept. of State, Corporation Div. that is to "advise you that since a 2010 return with a \$25 fee was not filed, our corporate charter has been repealed, revoked and annulled effective 2/15/11". It goes on to state that we can "revive" it with a \$75 check.

Robyn got one before the expiration and asking us to pay \$25 but she thought it was a scan.

ASHA awards programs from Eileen Crow – info. was sent to Robyn. She will pass it on to Stacia at UNH.

III. June will contact Scott Herman to ask him to come to the Board meeting after our Spring conference. It will be Amy's last meeting as she has officially resigned from being our treasurer. We would love for Scott to take on the role of treasurer and to have a chance to speak with Amy about the position and its responsibilities.

IV. Vicki, our president elect: she mentioned another thing happening at the legislature on 3/9 – Commerce & Consumer Affairs – executive session (no testimony). This session will focus on healthcare/benefits. Peggy Small-Porter and Kirstin were wonderful in providing documentation for the last hearing that Vicki was at. We spoke informally about the state of the state and how women and vulnerable people in NH are being targeted with new things being proposed. Laura shared her email correspondence with a legislator regarding Autism, hearing aides and early intervention. We discussed the benefits of sending letters to the editor from NHSLHA. Laura will put together something. We talked about possibly e-blasting our members to make their voices heard about these issues that we feel strongly about.

V. Roxanne spoke about membership. She got feedback from students and they felt that our website is not user friendly. Our SLP-As might have too high a membership fee (it is higher than CFY membership). She also spoke about corporate partnership programs like ASHA has. Roxanne is making a quilt for a raffle to encourage membership. She also spoke about ways to make joining the organization easier than it appears to now be and suggestions for the website. Roxanne mentioned Laura's website as being very easy to maneuver around. We backed off from continued work on the website due to finances being limited. She suggested having monthly surveys to cull info. from our SLPs in NH and to share that info. about our work, our experiences, etc. SurveyMonkey is free and useful. Kelly thinks everything should be available to do online with no snail mail necessary. We discussed revolving membership so that the deadline becomes irrelevant and people can join any time. Anyone who joins in 2011, at any time, gets a chance to win the lap quilt (and anything else we might want to add to sweeten the pot). The group decided that we would move to a revolving membership. Laura made a motion, Roxanne seconded it and it was unanimous among the other board members. Roxanne talked about how she would track new members and the month they join/ will need to renew. If you join by Sept., the winner would be announced at the fall conference. Erin will try sending her current info. to Roxanne and see if it works (Erin has IBM clone, Roxanne has a Mac). Kelly asked if we could have a membership

table at our next conference – with a dedicated computer and some gifts from NHSLHA.

Kelly asked if we could poll co-workers and peers to ask why people aren't joining NHSLHA and why folks aren't attending our conferences. We talked about changing up how we do things: two different speakers for a half-day each (if people travel to speak, this doesn't work tho); get an ASHA video and have a smaller group, brown bag lunch, talk about clinical issues; get corporate sponsors to help us get the funds to get well-known speakers.... We also discussed asking membership what they want us to do to help them professionally, what issues they think are important. We wonder if moving the conferences to a Sat. would make it more appealing. Merging with another state to do a big name presenter could be a possible good move. Erin wonders if we could ask other New England state organ.s how they do things.

- VI. Stephen C. is resigning after the next conference. We need to get someone to step into taking on conference organizing tasks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM  
Meeting minutes by June Adinah